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SUBJECT: ARMENIA JOINS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF DISABLED PERSONS

¶1. Armenia joined the International Convention on Protection and Promotion of Rights and Dignity of Disabled Persons March 30, the first day of its signing. (NOTE: The convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December. END NOTE.) Armenia also signed the Optional Protocol. The convention aims to protect and promote the rights of the disabled by eliminating bias and ensuring their rights to employment, education and healthcare.

¶2. COMMENT: The signing of the convention is at least a step in the right direction by the GOAM, which has done little in the way of ensuring the rights of the disabled.

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